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"A Thought for the New Year"

Eugene V. Debs, the labor leader was at one time in the Atlanta, Georgia prison for four years. When he was finally released, the prisoners crowded around him to bid him farewell.

Debs had been a "trusty", assigned to help in the hospital. One day as he crossed the prison yard on an errand, he saw a guard strike a brawny Negro who had disobeyed orders. The convict was left, slumped on the ground and bleeding. Everyone was afraid to go near, but Debs quietly went about cleaning the wounds and binding them up. When the man was well, he was transferred to another section of the prison.

The day came when Eugene Debs was released. The warden called him to the office. "Do you remember that tough Negro prisoner you cared for after he had a fracas with one of the guards?" the warden asked. "He was the worst we have ever had to deal with. But he changed after you took care of him, and became a model prisoner. Don't know what you did to him, but he is surely a changed person."

As the prison doors clanged shut behind Eugene V. Debs, he was greeted by a flock of newspaper reporters. "Mr. Debs," they inquired, "Have you learned anything while in prison?"

Mr. Debs straightened his shoulders and he gently replied, "I have learned that nothing can withstand the power of love."

As we look forward to a new year of building together, may we with joy, gratitude and love undergird our work with our individual lives, and join hands with Christians around the world, with perfect faith that "Nothing can withstand the power of love."

"In Remembrance"

Mrs. Charles A. Richard, wife of the Rev. Charles A. Richard died December 29 in Topeka. The Richards' served our church at Seneca for many years before moving to Topeka.

Dates to Remember

January 20-27 — Midwinter meetings in Cleveland.
January 30-Feb. 6 — Pilgrim Fellowship Sunday and Youth Week.
February 15, 16, 17 — Washburn Ministers' Convocation.
February 25 — World Day of Prayer.
March 20 — One Great Hour of Sharing.
April 10 — Easter Sunday.
May 3, 4 and 5 — State Conference at Garden City.
June 5-11 — Senior Camp at Wa-Shun-Ga.
June 12-18—Junior Hi Camp at Wa-Shun-Ga.
October 4-6-9 and 10 — Association Meetings.
October 18, 19 and 20 — Midwest Regional at Madison, Wisconsin.

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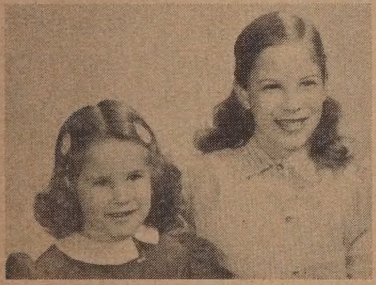
Maintaining The Christmas Glow

As we go to press on the first magazine of 1955, the messages of Christmas and the New Year still ring in our ears and radiate in our hearts and lives. We felt we would like to share some of the news and views in a fireside visit with you, for many of "our friends are your friends—" and Christmas is a time when we ponder anew the meaning of friends and friendliness.



Jane and Judy Ogden

From the **Sabetha parsonage,** Jane and Judy Ogden, five and ten years of age, welcome the New Year with a smile. At Christmas time they, with their parents, Duane and Margaret, welcomed older brothers, Duane, Jr., and wife and Chuck home for a complete family reunion. Duane, Jr., is in his last year at Denver University and Chuck, after 2 years at Doane, was inducted this summer into Naval Air Cadets stationed at Pensacola, Fla. The Ogden's closed their letter with this list of Christmas presents: "To your enemy, forgiveness; to a customer, service; to an opponent, tolerance; to a friend, your heart; to a child, good example; to yourself, respect; to all men, charity."

The **Millard Marshall** family report from Onaga where they moved from Kinsley a year and one half ago. Their oldest, Bill, is finishing K.U. the first of February at which time Millard says an uncle will take over for his father as Bill has received a formal invitation to work for Uncle Sam; Laurel, in her second year at K.U., is greatly helped by a Watkins scholarship. The third and youngest member of the Marshall family is Elaine, a happy seventh grader who is active in 4-H Club, school and social life.

From **Topeka First,** the Cochener three, Bruce, Diana and Caroline, children of Mrs. Ruth (Garvey) Cochener, are shouting "Happy New Year." They are grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Garvey of Wichita Plymouth.

The **Rev. and Mrs. Floyd Davidson,** formerly of Wichita Fairmount and the Wichita Council of Churches

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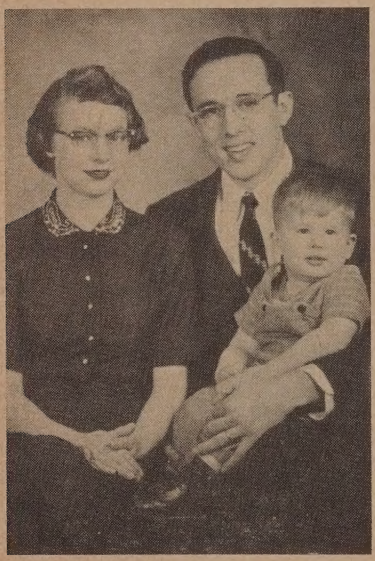
write from Oskaloosa, Iowa where Floyd is pastor of the First Congregational Church. Their oldest, George, with his wife and six children lives at Corvallis, Oregon; John D. with his wife, Jean, and adopted son, "Mike" live at Newton where John D. directs music in the schools and the Congregational Church choir; Forrest and Gloria with their two children, are at Manhattan where Forrest directs school music.



Rev. and Mrs. Merton Rymph and Douglas

From the **Merton Rymphs** of the Congregational parsonage at Anthony: "For our family trio this last year has been a full and fine one, partly since our trio shows promise shortly becoming a quartette. Our new church responsibility is proving both a joy and a challenge."

Dr. and Mrs. Joseph F. King, leaders at Lawrence Plymouth before they went to Oberlin twelve years ago, send greetings. Joe and Helen have four children, Carol, 17; Joe, 15; Janet, 11 and Judy, 8. Their letter brings the sad news that Dr. Albert Palmer, Helen's father, passed away in California on December 16th. Joe says: "If you want a theological and idealogical morsel to chew on, here is one: the boundary is a good place to live and think; the boundary between the greatness and wretchedness of the church—peace and war—life and death—growth and decay—hope and despair—joy and sorrow—loneliness and community."

The **Rev. Leonard Reifel,** formerly of Russell and Sabetha sends greetings from Sedalia, Missouri where he is pastor of the Federated Congregational-Presbyterian Church.

The **Rev. and Mrs. J. D. Schmidt** write from Haven where Adra teaches kindergarten and J. D. sells insurance in addition to shepherding the flock in our Congregational Church. Their three daughters are married and live with their families — Ruthana and Jean on the west coast and Pauline in the east. Their son Jack will graduate from K. State this spring.

Supt. and Mrs. Judson Fiebiger of Iowa send news of the arrival of twin grandsons in the home of their son Bill in October; they will soon be playmates for their 18 month old brother Billy. Mary (Dennison) Fiebiger has spoken in Kansas on numerous occasions. Her father, Warren Dennison, well past eighty years of age, has an apartment in Grinnell, but spends most his time promoting Stewardship across the country. Their letter closes thus: "We do not know what 1955 will hold for you or for us, but let us enter it with hope and trust, knowing that the Christ of Christmas will lead the way."

Dan and Patsy Hopkins

Above are the children of **Mr. and Mrs. Daniel R. Hopkins** of Garden City. Dan is a busy lawyer but finds time for church work serving as church School Superintendent in his local church and as Stewardship Chairman for the conference.

Fosberg and Mary Hughes, for more than five years leaders at Colonial Church in Prairie Village sent their Christmas letters early. Between Christmas and the New Year they moved to their new home in Sioux City, Iowa where Fosberg will be minister of the First Congregational Church. Ann is 15 and Tom is 13. The four Hugheses will be greatly missed in Conference and camp circles in Kansas.

Rev. and Mrs. Paul Davis of Garden City greet the Christmas season with the song: "For unto us a child is born." Ann Elizabeth Davis, six pounds and thirteen ounces was born December 21st. Paul writes, "So it's a good Christmas here." We join the Rev. Fred Smith in his, "Poetry Which Is a Child."

Rosebud of heaven, floweret of earth;
It was God Himself that gave you birth,
To bring the joy of heaven to human hearts,
And all the grace that innocence imparts.

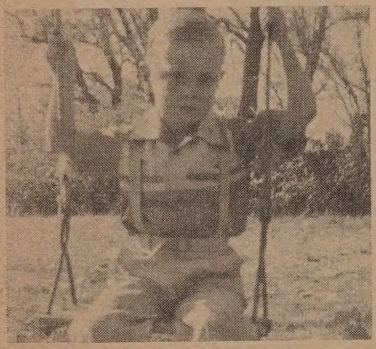
Rev. and Mrs. Wilbert (Doc) Dull went on an errand of love to Urbana, Ill., at Christmas time. Mr. Dull's mother almost 93 years of age, was taken seriously ill the middle of December with pneumonia which required hospitalization and use of an oxygen tent. She sent word, "If Wilbert were here, he would get me out of this mess." And as usual "Doc" came thru. When they returned to Topeka December 28, she was sitting up, was very alert, and hoping to return to her home soon.

The Rev. and Mrs. James McKeeman, write that their family get-to-gether lasted from before Thanksgiving to Christmas, when members of the families of their two sons James and Bob visited. A candle light service of carols and a litany of adoration followed by a Family Christmas party where White Gifts were received, was well attended at Milford.

The Keeney Quartette

The Rev. and Mrs. Bill Keeney with their four daughters, Janet, 9, Elizabeth, 8, Marian Cecile, 6 and Carol, 3, write enthusiastically about church work at Manhattan and home festivities in the parsonage. They spent Christmas in Kansas City with Mrs. Keeney's parents.

The Rev. and Mrs. Hans Poppe with Tanis, 5, and Mark, 3, spent Christmas with the **Rev. and Mrs. Louis Poppe,** Roger, Billy and Donna Marie in Whitewater. Grandpa and grandma Poppe were also present for the first Christmas reunion in 25 years.



Kenneth Dean Merrill

Mrs. Minola Burke of Ford, Kansas has been clerk and treasurer of our church there for many, many years and is dependable in every detail. With her Christmas greeting she enclosed the above picture of her only grandchild, her daughters adopted son of whom she is rightfully proud.

The Bonny's of Kansas City Rosedale write: "Deeply cherished on our string of pearls are the memories of our many friends." They report a family adventure this past summer of a 5000 mile trip which took them to the Colorado mountains, the bears and geysers of Yellowstone, the Columbia River, a visit with grandparents in Canada, dreamy Lake Louise and home by way of Minnesota. All cooking and sleeping was done out of doors in communion with Mother Nature. Beatrice is 9, Eric is 7 and Francis is past four. Mr. Bonny writes: "Perhaps the most enjoyable moment of the day for father is to observe the little family cluster at worship each morning and listen to the world embracing prayers of these little ones."

Waldo and Myra Crippen write from their newly remodeled and redecorated nine room parsonage at Seneca. They boast the worst spoiled cat in America — a plain alley cat of mixed colors, an intriguing personality and the name of Cindy Scoot Gelbeschwanz Nut. The N.U.T. is her degree earned by her actions. The Crippen's are doing great work at Seneca.

The John Joneses in Towanda had a reunion of their family this summer. Rev. and Mrs. Lynn Taylor (Rebecca) and three children are in the Presbyterian Manse at Joliet, Illinois; Rev. and Mrs. Stephen N. Jones and three boys are in the parsonage of the new Pilgrim Congregational Church in Oakland, California.

Dick and Rosemarion Zoppell of our new Pilgrim Church in Wichita report more than 500 members in that church not yet five years old. The beautiful church sanctuary celebrated its first birthday in early December. Martie past four and Christine past two, now have a baby brother, Conrad Mark, who is 9 months old.

Rev. and Mrs. Chris Nelson have completed their own home in Norton where they live. During the past year they gave 4 1/2 months interim leadership at Osborne and are now serving on an interim basis at Lenora.

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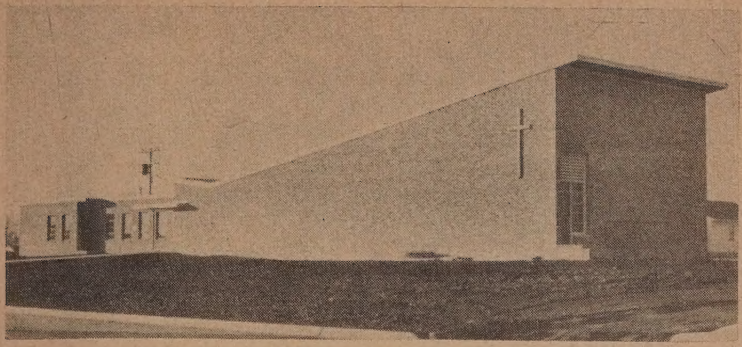


Topeka Seabrook Church Dedication

The spacious modern church and religious education unit of the new Seabrook Church, the result of dreams, hard work and prayer, will be dedicated January 16.

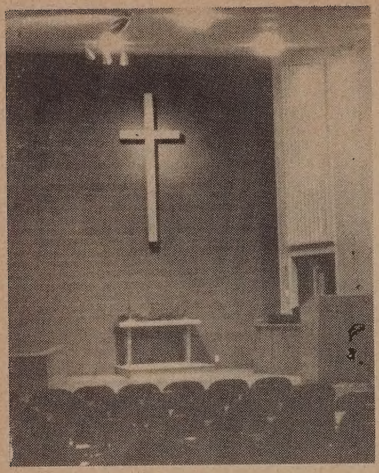
As the Seabrook community began to grow rapidly, the need for a larger house of worship and adequate teaching facilities to take care of the children of new families moving in, was urgent. Children literally were pushing the minister's family out of the parsonage. The church families wanted a church home more nearly in the center of the parish and more in keeping with the new homes in the community. A young architect in the church, working with the dreams of the members, drew plans for a functional and beautiful building.

Hard work on the building began soon after the first machinery moved on the property to start digging the basement last February. Charles Wilson, Chairman of the Building Committee, furnished flood lights and organized crews to work evenings and holidays. They dug footings, moved dirt and erected forms for the pouring of concrete. Men, some women, and many Pilgrim Fellowship members were seen on the job. The new church site became the most interesting place in Seabrook as people dropped by to see how much was done the night before.

The congregation moved into an unfinished building in July, having to move from the old Seabrook Grade School which was being torn down; dreams were coming true and the hard work was continuing. There were partitions to put in, painting to do, floors to lay, accoustical tile to install and sidewalks to build. A very busy carpenter built the kitchen cupboards in his garage after working hours. Before the walls were completely weatherproofed, there were rainstorms which poured into the basement; this called for sweeping, shoveling and cleaning.

Large and small, young and old, members and many friends of Seabrook Church have worked to save many thousands of dollars in labor. The real value however, is the feeling deep down inside, that pride which each one has when he shows a friend around his church and says, "I helped here."

The prayers of the people were first for a new location, then for strength and courage to undertake the task, for wisdom in planning and ability to complete the structure. A loan from the State Conference helped buy the lots and a loan from the Church Building



Seabrook Sanctuary

Loan Fund has enabled the church to build. The Rev. George Fisk of Wichita Fairmount Church, directed forty men who conducted the successful building fund drive two years ago.

The prayers of the people now are prayers of gratitude and thanksgiving. The first Sunday in the new church there were many tear-filled eyes as the worshippers realized the dream coming true. Again, at Christmas when the program of beautiful pageantry was given by adults and children, there were more tear-filled eyes and prayers of gratitude, for a place where parents were happy to come and bring family and friends to worship in beauty and holiness.

Superintendent Rymph has been a constant help in counseling and he will give the sermon on January 16 at the 11 o'clock dedicatory service.

The children will share in a dedication of the educational unit at the church school hour.

Rev. Elmer E. Erickson,
Minister

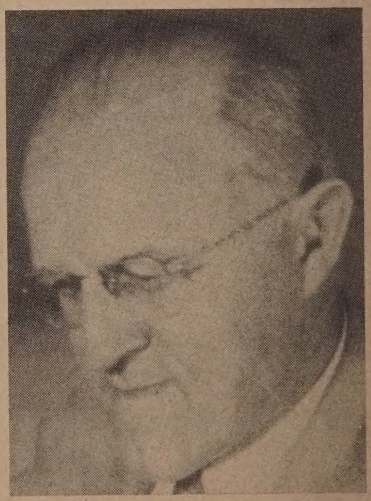
Washburn Convocation

At the two chapel presentations during the Ministers' Convocation to be held on the Washburn campus, Feb. 15, 16 and 17, Daniel J. Bowden, Ph.D. and B.D. will speak on "You Are Not Your Own" and "The Kingdom of God." Mr. Bowden is an ordained Congregational Minister and at present is Director of the School of Religion at Indiana University.

Dr. Stock will bring messages on "Education That is Christian' and "Toward Christian Maturity."

At the dinner meeting to be held at Seabrook Church, Tuesday evening, the Rev. George Ogden Kirk, of Wichita Plymouth will talk — his subject, "Don't Look Now."

The Rev. Reuben Trickey will be chaplain of the sessions, the Rev. Wm. F. Keeney will act as Moderator and the Rev. S. J. Williams will again be treasurer.



Daniel J. Bowden
Convocation Guest

Christian Social Action

Kate Lee Ewing—Editor

Social Action Institutes

"The Social Action Institute was well received," wrote the Rev. Hans Poppe of Russell in the December issue of "Wings". "The opening devotion set the atmosphere for the whole meeting. Dr. Hugo Thompson of McAllister College, St. Paul, Minn., on leave of absence for a year to be on the Council for Social Action Staff, pointed out the Bibilical origin and precedent for the social concern of the Christian. People well remember Moses in connection with the Ten Commandments, but overlook the fact that Moses and the book of Exodus brought a vast number of other regulations pertaining to the organization and general welfare of the people of Israel. There were laws about the fencing of cattle, the building of homes, and regulating the dealing in the marketplace. In fact, Moses, led a successful rebellion against Pharaoh to lead his people to independence."

Dr. Thompson continued by saying: "The Prophets in turn repeatedly-pointed out that religion is not just a performance in the Temple, but has to do with living in the home and conducting oneself in commerce, industry and community. The religious ceremony (whether of the Temple or at the Sunday morning worship) is a means of strengthening the moral and spiritual life that we may live through the struggles and temptations of life with goodness and not forget God in the process."

Three Institutes on Social Action were held in Kansas as a part of the new program of the Council to reach the local churches in their concern to know and understand problems of the local community, as well as to share some resources made available from the National level. Each of the meetings, Topeka, Wichita and Russell, exhibited the value of the new program of CSA in seeking to know the problems in local areas. The Topeka meeting brought out such local issues as desegregation, small discussions on SA for an adult class. One discussion from this class eventuated in a city-wide recreational program. In Wichita, the local problems were a Community Hospital and Water. Water also became an issue in the Russell meeting, but with quite a different concern.

Dr. Thompson writes, "I was impressed with the friendliness of everyone, both toward me personally and toward C.S.A. It was good to have a couple of people come to get their critical questions answered. While it was good to have so many ministers, we were short on lay *men*. It all rests with what happens in the local churches in the future as a result of our Institutes."

Your state committee would appreciate hearing from those who attended the Institutes, especially with experiences on starting or programming social action groups.

Word has just come of a new 16mm sound film "Forward with the CSA"; a 12-minute picture soon to be available from the state office. That and the filmstrip, "First Church Faces its Community", also from the state office, should help you in studying local problems.

Would you be interested in the 1955 European Travel Seminar sponsored by S.A.? Write the Rev. Ray Gibbons for details.

Alfred H. Bartter, Chairman

Kansas Women's Department

Mrs. E. C. Garrison, President

In Memory

As evidence of the love and respect of those who knew her, the following name has been added to the Women's Department Memorial Fund Roll of Honor:

Mrs. C. A. Leedy

By Eureka Church

February—Memorial Month

At this time of the year most of our women's groups pause to honor the women of our churches who have passed on and we hope that you will have a Memorial Service at one of your February meetings.

The Memorial fund began in 1935 when some women wanted to perpetuate the memory of a loved one with a living memorial. Instead of sending flowers, they sent money ($2.00) to start this fund. The principal was to be invested and the interest used to carry on a promotional program which would reach all the churches in the state through a visit from a state or association officer. This fund has continued to grow by gifts and donations given in memory of our church women who have passed on.

You may send your gifts along with the names of the deceased women to the Memorial Fund Secretary and the names will be placed on the Memorial Fund Honor Roll and published in Congregational Kansas.

—Mrs. W. I. Boone, Secretary
Memorial Fund,
Eureka, Kansas.

Chicago, Ill.
Dec. 15, 1954

Dear Mrs. Rymph:

I am grateful to be the recipient of the $500.00 scholarship given by the Woman's Gift Fund. My wife and I will use the money to pay the expenses of seminary life. Seminary life for us includes study, prayer, and the care of our one-year old baby, David. We pray that this is a good way in which this fund can be used to serve the church.

We feel that this gift, which coincides with the Christmas season, demonsttrates the community of Christian fellowship. Certainly, the Christian community is vitalized by the spiritual intent of The Paul Bockoven Scholarship and the spiritual intent of the Women's Department of The Kansas Congregational and Christian Conference. Acts of this nature, which express care for the mundane expenses of family life, reveal Christian meaning in the everyday aspects of human existence.

Sincerely yours,
Frederick Olson
Chicago Theological Seminary

Memo from Your President

It won't be long until you will be receiving your annual report blanks, so please check up on our Standards of Achievements and be ready with your answers.

There is a supplementary list for Adventures in Reading available from Chicago or Boston. Included on the list is "Jeremiah, Prophet of Disaster" by Virginia Milliken. Many from Kansas know Mrs. Milliken. She has just finished a term as president of

the Colorado Women's Fellowship. Another new book is "In the Cause of Peace", Trygve Lie's book about the UN. If you have not already seen Elizabeth Vinning's little book on prayer, "The World in Tune" you are missing something, as well as Marc Boegner's, "The Prayer of the Church Universal," a meditation on The Lord's Prayer.

It is time to be thinking of that Southern Mission tour. The dates are April 12 to 26, 1955. Write to Miss Ione Catton, 19 S. LaSalle St., Chicago 3, Ill., for information.

One more matter that I hope some of you will give serious thought. It is estimated that $10,000.00 is needed for equipping the kitchen, lounge and dormitories of our new School at Ryder Hospital, Puerto Rico. This breaks down to about $400.00 per room. Now you may not have $400.00 and you may not have a $1000.00. However, no amount is too large or too small. It is an Authorized Special.

McKenney to be Installed

A special feature at this year's Ministers' Convocation will be an Installation Service for the Rev. Ned Burr McKenney, new minister at Topeka Central. This service will start at 4 Wednesday afternoon, Feb. 16, when Mr. McKenney will give a paper on his background, experience and beliefs. The Rev. Daniel Nicely of Denver will bring the Installation sermon.

The New Year

"I said to a man who stood at the gate of the year, 'Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown.' And he replied, 'Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God. That shall be to you better than a light and safer than an unknown way." . . .

Claire A. Hughes to Ellis

The Rev. Claire A. Hughes, who has ministered to the Gaylord and Athol Churches since last February, has been called to the pastorate of our First Congregational Church at Ellis. The Ellis Church has been seeking a minister since the resignation of the Rev. Fred Smith last May. During the interim various professors from Hays State College have supplied the pulpit. The Ellis Church recently sold its parsonage at 108 West Tenth and purchased a larger and more adequate house located nearer the church. This gives the church good facilities for carrying on a strong program. Both the Gaylord and Athol churches have gained in numerical and financial strength during the brief pastorate of Mr. Hughes. While serving the yoked field, he has been attending the University of Denver working on his Master's Degree. Mr. and Mrs. Hughes moved to Ellis, January first.

Area Meeting

On January 10 representatives from Nebraska, Colorado and Kansas held an all day meeting at the Rymph home in Topeka to make plans for joint sessions during the summer of 1955 for A Christian Education Workshop and Family Camping.

Colorado was represented by Mrs. Myra Auten, Sup't. Leon Grubaugh and the Rev. Cyril Hicks, all of Denver. Sup't. Arthur W. Taylor, Rev. Milton Laib and Miss Gertrude Hanford of Lincoln and Rev. Edward Brantz of Ralston, represented Nebraska. Those from Kansas were Mr. and Mrs. Philip Felton of Great Bend, Mrs. C. E. Georgeson of Lenora, Sup't. and Mrs. L. M. Rymph.

Kansas Pilgrim Fellowship

Norman Dirks, President **Peggy Epps, Secretary**

Miss Helen "Heidi" Schupbach
Southern Association Secretary

This smiling lass hails from Kiowa. She is a high school junior and has been an active camper for several years. She and other Kiowa PFers are looking forward to entertaining the Spring Rally for Southern. They recently had a chili supper.

Summertime Opportunities

Announcement has just been received that the joint Youth Caravan sponsored by the E & R Youth and Pilgrim Fellowship will be discontinued. To ex-caravaneers this will be a great disappointment and to some who have anticipated going this year it will be. However, this does not mean there will be no service activities available to PFers. Tentative plans have been made for a work camp for high school people (16-18) to be held at Delmo, Missouri. Approximately 15 persons will spend six weeks working in one of the Negro communities where they need to build a large meeting hall for many kinds of religious and community activities. This should be an exciting place to go as many PFers have been sending Christmas presents there for several years. The filmstrip "This Is Delmo" tells the story of the people who live in the bootheel of Missouri. Other tentative summer opportunities are:

Puerto Rico —June 22—August 21. Probable cost: $56.00 plus transportation. 5 men, 5 women. The site is at Yuquiyu where we have a community center and craft shop. It offers opportunity for acquaintance with families in the mission hospital and other workers.

Fort Berthold, North Dakota offers the possibility of six weeks work with the Indians.

California Fruit Project. You may go for one week, two weeks, or longer periods of time to pick, dry, process, pack, fruit to be shipped to hungry areas of the world. Last year cost was $1.00 per day. High school age periods are established. Write to Rev. George Lindsay, 2345 Channing Way, Berkeley 4. California.

Deering Camp Family (New Hampshire). Seven boys and six girls of college age are needed to care for dining room, wash dishes, clean buildings and cabins, and care for the Center while Conferences are in session. A monthly stipend is paid. June 15—Labor Day. Application for any of the above may be made to Rev. Henry Rust, 14 Beacon Street, Boston 8, Mass.

Congratulations! to Former PF'ers

Sylvia McMullen, Topeka Central and Jerry L. Griffith were married December 18. Sylvia was an active PFer and camper for several years before attending Doane College and Washburn. She was a UCYM officer and had a large part in helping to organize a college group at Central.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Schanker, Jr. now of Denver announced the birth of a son, Chris Stuart on December 16. Harry was State P.F. President in 1950-51.

Osborne

A Youth Budget has been adopted by the PF groups. They are learning to plan their finances and to give systematically. They recently had a special offering for a Bibles For India project.

Smith Center

An active part was taken by the PFers in helping to decorate the church for pre-Christmas activities.

Great Bend

Toys were picked up and repaired for sale on December 18. The work was done at the home of their sponsors, Phil and Nora Felton.

Wichita Pilgrim

PFers had a prominent part in the Church Christmas Program December 16 through participation in four tableaus.

Topeka First

Junior Hi Pilgrims presented the play "Christmas On Trial" December 5.

OBSERVE YOUTH WEEK—
January 30-February 6

Russell

A carnival and chili supper which netted $60 was a recent activity.

College Night

This was a regular feature with many groups to welcome former members who were home for the holidays.

Garden City

Painting tables and chairs for the first graders kept the PFers busy in December.

Christian Action

Several projects are selected by Pilgrim Fellowship officers for the Christian Action money to support. Here is another project your Workday for Christ and pledge money goes to. NEWCOMERS CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP was started in 1940 when many people were fleeing Europe and coming to the United States. Christian leaders in New York became concerned about the number of people who were helpless and friendless in a strange land. Six denominations went together to sponsor this organization. It is directed by the F. T. Forells, originally from Germany and prisoners of war in France, who have been with it from the beginning. They help newcomers get jobs, learn English, find housing, friends and a church home.

Order Lenten Materials Early

Lenten Devotions for Young People at 5 cents should be ordered weeks befor the beginning of Lent, for the supply is sometimes used up even though unusually large quantities have been printed. Order from Pilgrim Press, 19 So. LaSalle Street, Chicago, Ill.

Christian Education

Pauline Bloomer, Director

Children at Russell Making Map

Missionary Education Can Be Real

Children need to know what happens to the nickels and dimes they bring to Church School. In our capitalistic society we tend to emphasize the dollar rather than the cause for which it is given. Our objective in missionary education should be to bring about better understanding and appreciation of our fellowmen. In our teaching we need to emphasize our likenesses rather than our differences. There are many fine things in the various cultures and customs of our friends around the world. Since children are primarily interested in persons rather than abstract ideas we must try to create as lifelike a situation as possible. Now with travel on a worldwide scale this is becoming more and more possible. However, we still have many other effective ways in which to bring this about through stories, pictures and dramatization. For Kindergarten children there are three new books. The titles are "Nezbah's Lamb" (Navaho), "Keiko's Birthday" (Japan) and "Ronnie's Wish". "Chand of India" will interest juniors while "Children of India" is designed for primary children. Closer home we study life in the city. "Sidewalk Kids" and the "Boy With The Busy Walk" are for juniors and primaries respectively. The big picture map of India and the United States, each 75 cents, will provide many delightful hours for juniors and junior highs. The kit of handicrafts from India is also available from the State Conference upon request. The above mentioned titles may be ordered from Pilgrim Press or borrowed from the Conference. Many churches plan a school of missions in order to have more time for study.

Thy work, O God, needs many hands
To help Thee everywhere,
And some there are who cannot serve
Unless our gifts we share.

In Appreciation

We are indebted to Miss Geraldine Gregg of Topeka for the compiling and cutting stencils for the new edition of the Conference Audio-Visual Catalogue. Copies have been sent to ministers, superintendents, children and youth workers, officers of the Women's and Laymen's Fellowships. Copies will be mailed to others upon request.

Christmas Workshop Reports

Manhattan — "Our family likes to make its own Christmas cards", "The four of us want to make a wreath," "My girls want to make Christmas tree decorations out of tin cans" were some of the remarks heard. Planning began in September when the Religious Education Committee askd Mrs. Harry Hicks to enlist a steering committee representing all departments of the church. Carol Wilbur Porter and Shirley Bessy served as co-chairmen. The

Junior Hi P.F. headed by Paige and Nancy Twiss met and instructed all people in the art of making snowflakes as they arrived. The children decorated place mats. Mrs. C. B. Knox was in charge of dinner arrangements. Mealtime entertainment included singing from the Family Book "Christmas Here, Christmas There." More than sixty people actively participted in the preprations and about two hundred were in attendance.

Wichita Fairmount — One of the most successful events for several years was the Christmas Family Workshop. Over 250 people attended dinner and the evening. Mr. and Mrs. John Wheelock were general chairmen assisted by Mr. and Mrs. Ed Dorsett. They were in turn assisted by Committees on Worship, Food, Decorations, Gifts for Others, Table Displays, Publicity and Supper.

Christmas Caravan

December 4 was the date of this unique program at Garden City. Mrs. Polly Austin directed "Christmas In Mexico". Mexican food was served and programs were given at 2:30, 3:30, and 4:30 P.M. Everyone was invited.

Leadership Training

"How To Teach" is the course being taught by the Rev. Harold Gentzler at Wichita Pilgrim for church school teachers. Classes are being held for six weeks during the morning starting January 17.

Devotional Material for Lent

Thoughts of God for Boys and Girls, 35 cents.
Lenten Devotions for Young People, 5 cents.
The Fellowship of Prayer, 5 cents.
Order from Pilgrim Press.

A Test for Parents

1. Is my attitude toward the Church school such that my children, through me, respect it?
2. Do I know the aims and methods of modern Church School work, or am I still judging by what was done in my childhood?
3. Do I appreciate the difficulties under which the Church School does its work: voluntary attendance and voluntary workers?
4. Have I placed the Church School on at least as high a plane as my child's music lessons, requiring prompt and regular attendance, conscientious preparation?
5. Do I encourage my children in the matter of church attendance by going myself?
6. What am I doing to make our home a place of religious training?

(Copied from Lawrence Plymouth News)

Parent's Class

Attention is called to the excellent materials based on the Life of Christ theme. Pages 14-29 contain thirteen sessions written by Dr. Roger L. Shinn. Some churches use the Lenten Season to give special emphasis to an extra class such as this material could offer.

New Vacation School Text

"Living and Working Together As Christians" is the title of this new Junior text. The teacher's book contains ten sessions. A pupil's book contains stories, worship materials, and tests for use in this course. Now is the time to start making plans for this important activity. The Vacation Church School Clinics will be held in thirty-six locations throughout the state. Get your staff lined up so they may take advantage of this important training.

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Berkeley 9, Calif.

Maintaining the Christmas Glow
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Mrs. John W. Gibson surprised us in her Christmas letter, which went to friends in many lands, when she said: "Perhaps before too many Christmases I shall be seeing some of you in Australia and South Africa, in the Philippines and in India, briefly too again in the Near East and the British Isles." Truly "the world is her parish."

The Rev. and Mrs. George Fisk told of the inspiring Christmas Festival held in their church on December first with worship ideas for family use, several rooms of workshops for making Christmas gifts and home decorations. Many of the articles made were passed on to needy children. George and Jean with their four children, Molly (2), Cindy (4), Jonnie (7 1/2) and Marcia (9) lighted the Advent Candles in their home during the weeks before Christmas.

The Rev. and Mrs. Fred Smith report a warm response to their leadership at Centralia. Congregations on Sunday morning are averaging 125 with Sunday School attendance running more than 100. On December 19 a cast of more than 100 including the choirs presented a pageant, "The Birthday of the King" written by Mr. Smith. Following the pageant at a social hour the Smith's were presented with 3 walnut tables, a lovely rug and about 50 packages of food.

The Rev. and Mrs. Merrill Isely, after six weeks speaking in Kansas and Nebraska, spent several weeks visiting their daughter Caroline and family in the Black Hills. At Christmas time they gathered at the home of Mary Francis and her family in Rochester, Minn.

Supt. and Mrs. Arthur W. Taylor of Lincoln, Nebraska wrote: "There'll be great rejoicing in the family corral at Lincoln as all those who bear the "T" brand gather round the Christmas tree for a worship service and opening of packages." Their son Frank and his wife and two children live at Rudd, Iowa where Frank teaches in the high school. Their other son Jim is a Junior at Doane College and is serving as minister in a small church. The Taylor's served our church at Hutchinson before going to Nebraska.

Charles and Frances Brewster, formerly of Manhattan, now ot Yankton, S.D., report a recent move to a new parsonage with a huge fireplace which added to their Christmas festivities. The old parsonage next to the church had to be taken over for Church School space. Debbie is a Senior at Colorado College and John is a Senior at Mount Hermon School in Mass. Both were home for Christmas.